



Alaska Interagency  
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# Morning Highlights

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## **WILDLAND FIRE UPDATE**

Four new fires were reported Tuesday to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center. State and local firefighters responded to three small human-caused fires in the Mat-Su Area and one fire in the Delta Area. All of the fires are out or contained.

## **PRESCRIBED BURNS**

### **CHENA LAKES FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT:**

Today the Alaska Fire Service, in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers, will burn the remote arm if conditions are favorable. The purpose of the burn is to reduce the amount of grasses and mature willows across roughly 347 acres so that impounded flood water can infiltrate the ground. The burn will also improve wildlife habitat by promoting new growth of willows and blueberries. The duration of the burn is expected to last one day; however, some residual smoke may be present in the area for several days. The prescribed burn will not be ignited unless winds are forecasted to carry the majority of the smoke away from populated areas.

### **NENANA RIDGE:**

Today the Alaska Division of Forestry, in conjunction with the Department of Fish and Game and the Ruffed Grouse Society, will conduct a prescribed burn if weather conditions are favorable. The 30-acre burn is located roughly half-way between Nenana and Fairbanks. The purpose is to improve grouse habitat in the Tanana Valley State Forest. The duration of the burn will be several hours and there may be some residual smoke, but it is not expected to impact any populated areas.

## **FIREWISE TIP OF THE DAY- REMOVE WOODY DEBRIS**

The State of Alaska Wildland Fire Prevention and Preparedness Week will continue until May 18. Governor Palin encourages all citizens to participate in individual efforts and community programs that reduce the risk and threat of wildland fires to homes, property and communities.

Take advantage of spring weather and the opportunity to remove leaves, needles and other woody debris from your gutter and around your house. In the event of a wildland fire, burning embers could easily ignite these dry materials. Remove and properly dispose of large dead materials found within 30 feet of your structure, such as tree branches. Contact your local Division of Forestry office for permitted burning information. For more information about how to protect you home and property from wildland fire, visit the FireWise Alaska brochure at:

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs/organization/mgmtplan/firewise.php>

## RED FLAG WARNINGS

A Red Flag Warning is in effect today in the Copper River Basin from noon to 9:00 p.m. for strong winds. The warning means that should a fire start, weather conditions could lead to the development of large wildland fires. Permitted burning has been suspended in the Copper River Area and parts of the Fairbanks Area. Please check with you local Division of Forestry office regarding exact permitted burn restrictions.

## BURN PERMITS

Burn permits are issued by the Alaska Division of Forestry. To obtain burn permits and information, please contact your local Division of Forestry office:

<i>Fairbanks Area:</i>	907-451-2626
<i>Delta Area:</i>	907-895-2106
<i>Tok Area:</i>	907-883-5134
<i>Mat-Su District:</i>	907-761-6312
<i>Kenai-Kodiak Area:</i>	907-260-4269
<i>Valdez/ Copper River Area:</i>	907-822-5536
<i>Northern Southeast Area (Skagway/ Haines):</i>	907-766-2120

For additional State of Alaska burn permit information, please visit:

<http://forestry.alaska.gov/fire/burnpermits.htm>

*\*In Anchorage, please contact the Anchorage Fire Department's Wildfire Mitigation Office at 267-5020.*

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## ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
  - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
  - Situation Report: H<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>UTH
  - National Fire Situation: H<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>UTH
- Creating Defensible Space: H<http://firewise.org/>UTH and <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/02firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, H<http://511.alaska.gov/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/fire/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): U <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: H<http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: [www.muni.org/fire](http://www.muni.org/fire)
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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